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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time in the above-identified patent application in order to respond to the Office Action mailed July 9, 2004. This extension is for one (1) month and will extend the due date from October 9, 2004 to November 9, 2004. A response is enclosed herewith.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-2179 for the extension fee of \$110.00. The Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

Sir:

Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 l.

C.F.R. §1.114, for the above-identified application.

TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE

· 2. This request is being submitted:

> . [X] Prior to abandonment of the application

્ii. Payment of the issue fee [] Prior to payment of issue fee

Issue fee has been paid but a petition under §1.313 has been []

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